

# COSSIP FOR WOMEN.

The Actress Reichenberg, Who Has Played Havoc With Boulanger's Family Relations.

## RICH GIRLS' PIN MONEY.

Miss Sterling's Tribulations as the "Prisoner of Chillon"—The Uses of Tobacco in Arkansas.

Paris Letter: Just now an extra amount of interest is excited by Miss Reichenberg, of the Comedie Francaise, who is universally understood to be the "great general's general." Why this now antiquated little female should prove so fascinating to the stronger sex is a decided problem to feminine observers. She was quite pretty once, in a blonde peasant girl style, but the contour of her face always recalled that of a sheep. She is now over forty years of age, having completed her twenty years' service at the Theatre Francaise some years ago, and is a rather faded up and angular, though she is still capable of impersonating on the stage the part of a very young girl with good effect. In her prime she was a fresh and fair little Alsatian, with soft blue eyes and a gleam of shining golden hair. Her mother was Madeline Brohan's cook, and the actress was her godmother, and when the little girl arrived at years of discretion she procured for her pretty godchild an entrance to the dramatic class at the Conservatoire. From there to the Comedie Francaise the transition was easy.

To do Miss Reichenberg justice, it must be confessed that she tried very hard at first to remain respectable. Her dress and mode of living were of the plainest. She used to go to rehearsals wrapped in a big plaid shawl long after that article had gone completely out of fashion. She made every endeavor to control her passions, and some one in her own rank of life. Finally she became engaged to M. Bovy, the bouffon of the Theatre Lyrique, now director of the Conservatory of Music in New York. But for some reason or other the engagement was broken off. After his rupture with Mlle. Reichenberg went one night to hear her ex-betrothed in the opera of "The Bravo," and was so much agitated by listening to his voice that she fainted and was carried senseless from the theatre. A few months later the name of Mlle. Reichenberg was openly coupled with that of a young viscount who had long paid her marked attention, and the birth of a charming little daughter seemed destined to still further strengthen the ties between them. It was indeed reported that the gentleman was about to marry Mlle. Reichenberg and withdraw her altogether from the stage. But she never became a viscountess and her first lover has long since disappeared. It is probable that she looks forward to becoming Mme. Boulanger, once the divorce of the general has been definitely pronounced. "He ain't at being a proof impression before the letter of Napoleon I," says one of the republican papers of Paris. "He wants to divorce Josephine and marry Marie Louise before he arrives at the throne." Moreover, Mlle. Reichenberg's comrade at the Theatre Francaise, Mlle. Durant, has recently been married by the Boulanger deputy, who has been her protector for years past, and the intimate friend of the general, Count Dillon, chose for his wife an ex-prima donna of the Grand Opera, called Mlle. Stuckie, so that the blonde actress may possibly hope to reign one day at the Elysee; that is, if a certain rich widow does not interfere to prevent the alliance by interposing her wealth and her influence.

## RICH GIRLS' ALLOWANCES.

Chicago Herald: "I have only an allowance of \$10 a week for pocket money," said the daughter of a millionaire in a confidential moment the other day. "Papa has such an idea of money, you know, and he thinks I am wildly extravagant to spend that small amount on candies, flowers, novels and theater tickets. Mamma orders all my clothing, you know, and so, of course, I do not have to buy anything that I really need."

To many a young girl \$10 a week would seem sufficient for pocket money, and indeed, how many hundreds of pretty and clever girls are there who cannot earn more than that amount even by working hard each day of the week? But the average fashionable society girl has so many demands on her purse that \$10 does not go far.

It is said that Jay Gould very generously allows his pretty daughter \$25, and with this she not only supplies her own little wants, but gives to most of the small charities.

Cornelius Vanderbilt and Elliott F. Shepard allow each of their six children a certain amount of pocket money each month, and they are all required to keep cash accounts and present them to their father the first of each month. The amounts are not large, and are given more to make the little millionaires understand the value of money than to allow it.

Willie K. Vanderbilt's three children are allowed plenty of pocket money, but are fined heavily for all misdemeanors. They dine in a pretty little room adjacent to the great dining saloon, and if a tiny drop of any coffee, milk or wine is spilled on the snowy cloth the offender is fined twenty-five cents for each offense. A glass of water knocked over or a dish laid off on the floor brings a fine of fifty cents on the culprit, and all the fines go to the Foreign and Home Missions.

"What do I do with my \$20 a week?" asked an only daughter of a Fifth Avenue millionaire, when asked the question. "Well, not always the same thing. Last week I spent every cent of it on a lovely new parasol, to carry at a coaching parade, and then after all my trouble it poured rain. I generally purchase my flowers—you know I must have a fresh corsage cluster of violets every day—and they cost a dollar a cluster. Then bonbons, soda, chocolate and those little trifles come to about \$5, and a couple of matinee tickets, tea for my old woman at the Home for the Aged, new music and papers eat up the rest. I am fearfully short sometimes, and I dread in advance and forget to pay back, don't you know? Papa used to allow me so much every quarter for my wardrobe and maid, but I was always in deep water. Now I order what I want and have the bills sent to him."

## THE NEW "PRISONER OF CHILLON."

New York Tribune: The new "Prisoner of Chillon" who has taken the place of Bonivard is an Englishwoman of the name of Miss Sterling, who holds the rank of "captain" in the Salvation army, and who for some time past has become a source of great perplexity and even anxiety to the Swiss government. Miss Sterling is one of the principal commanders of the little force of Salvationists who have undertaken the task of invading the country of William Tell, and of preaching their peculiar doctrines in their own peculiar way, in each city, town, hamlet and village,

which they have visited during the last two years they have been encountered by the inhabitants with mingled feelings of approval and hostility, and their presence has on numerous occasions led to sanguinary fights between their sympathizers and their enemies. At length the government, with a view of putting an end to these constant disturbances, prohibited the outdoor religious practices of the Salvation army forces, and forbade their processions through the streets with banners flying and bands of music playing. Miss Sterling and her subordinates, however, paid no heed to the behests of the authorities on the subject, and continued to fire off their aggressive volleys of halloos in public just as if no Swiss government had ever existed.

The state thereupon availed itself of clause seventy of the federal code, which authorized the executive "to expel from Swiss territory any foreigner who either endangers or disturbs the peace and security of the country, either at home or abroad," and issued a decree of expulsion against Miss Sterling, as being the leader of the Salvationist movement in Switzerland. The fair "captain" was arrested and conducted to the frontier at Pontarlier by a couple of Swiss gendarmes.

The authorities at Pontarlier were just in the act of congratulating themselves on having thus definitely suppressed the source of the disturbances which had caused them so much annoyance, when suddenly they received intelligence that Miss Sterling had re-entered Swiss territory from a different point, namely at Basle. Thoroughly exasperated, the government caused her to be rearrested without delay and to be conducted again to the frontier, warning her at the time that if she ventured to return she would incur most serious penalties.

With a persistence and obstinacy peculiarly feminine Miss Sterling reappeared in this city just two weeks afterward, having crossed the frontier from Italy. Realizing that they were exposing themselves to public ridicule by permitting themselves to be thus foiled by a mere woman, the federal and cantonal authorities determined to send themselves of the class of the Swiss code which decrees that "foreigners, who after being expelled from the Swiss territory by the police, venture to return without permission, are liable to a fine, and in particularly flagrant cases to an imprisonment of two years' duration." On the strength of this paragraph Miss Sterling was sentenced by the Cantonal tribunals of this city to twelve months' imprisonment.

She was just about to be conveyed to the Cantonal penitentiary when it was suddenly remembered that an additional paragraph of the statute quoted above ordains that offenses of this sort must not be regarded as of a penal nature. It was therefore distinctly illegal to send the Salvationist forces to the penitentiary. What was to be done with her? It was obviously impossible to release her, since she openly avowed her intention of returning to Switzerland as often as she might be expelled, and it could hardly be expected that the whole of the national militia should be called to arms and put along the frontier for the sole purpose of preventing her from re-entering Swiss territory. On the other hand she could not be sent to a criminal prison. At length the authorities hit upon a bright idea. They resolved to send her to the Castle of Chillon, and hence it comes that the picturesque old prison of the ill-fated Bonivard has once more a captive.

## ARKANSAS WOMEN WHO USE TOBACCO.

Ozark (Ark.) Letter: A popular vice among the ladies of this part of the state is the use of tobacco. Some will chew it like veterans, while others are content to smoke. But by far the most common way of deriving enjoyment from its use is to take it in the form of snuff. When a number of women get together the snuff box is nearly always produced, with the instruction to "take a dip" as it goes around the circle. Then they will sit and gossip, interrupting the flow of conversation with frequent expectorations into a big spittoon or a fireplace. A snuff-dipper's outfit consists of a small tin canister about an inch thick by two inches long and a wooden brush. The latter is about three inches in length and in size somewhat resembles a slate pencil. It is usually cut out of black gum or some other tough wood. One end is chewed and splintered by the teeth till it looks like a small paint brush. The splintered end is dipped into the snuff and worked around till a little ball has been collected. This ball is then secured by rubbing over the teeth and gums. Usually the stick is held between the teeth till the snuff has all been absorbed, when another dip is taken. For ladies who object to using a canister and brush a small snuff wafer has been invented which can be concealed between the lips and teeth. A grocer's clerk asserted emphatically that fully 90 per cent. of the women use tobacco or snuff, or both. By thinking men the tobacco habit among women is considered one of the worst evils with which Arkansas is obliged to contend.

## WOMAN'S TENDER HEART.

Mrs. Dolliver—Oh, Henry, I have dropped the water pitcher out of the window, and I saw it light on an elderly man. Mr. Dolliver (turning pale)—Great Scott, Jane! You don't know what damage you may have caused!

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